

**Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services  
Adult Treatment Drug Court  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Expansion or Enhancement Grant**—Enhancement and Expansion

**Program Area Affiliation**—Criminal Justice

**Congressional District and Congressperson**—Utah 1, 2, and 3; James V. Hanson (Farmington), Jim Matheson (Salt Lake City), Chris Cannon (Mapleton), respectively

**Public Health Region**—VIII

**Purpose, Goals, and Objectives**—The purpose of the adult felony drug court is to expand and enhance the capacity of both outpatient and residential treatment services for substance-abusing adults who are charged with a criminal offense in an adult criminal court. The primary goal is to ensure that participants complete at least 52 weeks of programming and advance successfully through four phases of treatment. Specific program goals are delineated. Goal 1 is to increase the number of clients successfully completing services. Goal 2 is to develop a client monitoring and tracking system. Goal 3 is to collaborate with other local service providers and the legal and social system networks. Specific program objectives are not outlined. (pages 10, 15, 29)

**Target Population**—Substance-abusing men and women who have been charged with a criminal offense. Based on prior participant profiles, the average client will be Caucasian, between 22 and 40 years of age, single, and unemployed. Those excluded from the program will include persons who select marijuana and/or alcohol as their primary drug of choice, those with a violent background, and those who suffer from serious mental illness. (page 10)

**Geographic Service Area**—Persons residing in Salt Lake County, Utah. (abstract)

**Drugs Addressed**—All non-intravenous and intravenous substances and alcohol. (page 14)

**Theoretical Model**—No specific theoretical model is identified other than a note that the drug court operates under the same mission and goals as other drug courts around the country. The treatment strategy is a four-phase model. Phases 2 through 4 average 4 months for completion. The first phase involves an eligibility intake assessment and the development of a treatment plan. The client also receives five sessions of acupuncture treatment and three random drug tests and attends a drug education and AIDS/HIV awareness class. The second phase is for intensive substance abuse therapy and psycho-educational classes and substance abuse group therapy. Treatment may occur outside the drug court treatment program. In the third phase, elective activities based on client needs are added. Elective services may include vocational training, parenting, GED or high school diploma, 12-Step meetings, community activities, or any other treatment service available through referral agencies. Clients will begin to serve community service requirements and pay a minimum of the treatment costs before moving into the next treatment phase. Additionally, clients may continue with acupuncture and may receive random drug tests. The final phase involves community reentry and aftercare services; group therapy and drug testing are also continued. (pages 15–17)

**Type of Applicant**—County (cover page)

## **SERVICE PROVIDER STRUCTURE**

**Service Organizational Structure**—Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services (CJS) is the lead organization for the expanded program. CJS has considerable experience in providing services to substance-abusing adults involved with the criminal justice system. CJS is the primary provider of community-based criminal justice programming services in the community. CJS is viewed as the agency of choice for the administration of alternative treatments to incarceration. (page 26)

**Service Providers**—CJS is the primary criminal justice treatment service provider for adults with criminal charges pending who are seeking alternatives to incarceration. The Salt Lake County Drug Court will be the primary case management provider. The drug court was implemented in 1996 to provide an innovative way to address drug-related crimes. The primary goal is to offer an alternative to incarceration for qualifying felony drug offenders with at least two prior drug-related arrests. Other service providers will be referral sources when additional services are required. (abstract; page 26)

**Services Provided**—CJS provides assessment, case management, substance abuse treatment, group therapy, drug testing, acupuncture, referral sources, aftercare, and numerous services that prepare a client for community reentry. (page 17)

**Service Setting**—The primary setting for services is a community-based facility; however, both outpatient and residential treatment services are available throughout the county. (abstract; page 17)

**Number of Persons Served**—The expanded program will serve 75 additional participants in the first year and 180 additional clients in Years 2 and 3 of the proposed grant period. (abstract; page 25)

**Desired Project Outputs**—The desired outcome is to expand and enhance substance use treatment services for substance-abusing men and women with criminal charges pending in a criminal court. (abstract; page 10)

**Consumer Involvement**—Consumers will complete client satisfaction surveys that address participants' overall treatment experiences. Clients will also provide feedback on program quality and implementation and assist in the interpretation of the evaluation results. (page 27)

## **EVALUATION**

**Strategy and Design**—The evaluation strategy involves a process, outcome, and impact evaluation. The evaluation design will be a one-group design with baseline data and 6- and 12-month follow-up data collection. (pages 26–27)

**Evaluation Goals/Desired Results**—The project goals not only delineate treatment goals but suggest evaluation goals as well, through specific anticipated outcomes, such as reducing substance abuse, that will be measured at program entry and at 6- and 12-month follow-ups. (page 27)

**Evaluation Questions and Variables**—The process evaluation questions address the methods of program implementation, staff performance, cultural sensitivity, and overall agency performance

regarding the nature and extent of services delivered. The outcome evaluation questions will be extracted from both the ASI and GPRA tools. Measures include changes in high-risk behaviors, employment status, criminal justice status, drug-use status, living situation, mental health status, and adherence to treatment. Additional measures will be taken from client satisfaction surveys. (pages 26–27)

**Instruments and Data Management**—The ASI, mental status exam, client satisfaction survey, and GPRA tools will be used in the evaluation. Data analysis will consist of descriptive statistics, basic inferential statistics, and cost analyses. (pages 20–23)